



Press Release

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One female has been arrested, and two males are being sought, as the result of their involvement in spree of break-ins, thefts, and ensuing vehicle pursuit on Saturday morning, December 15, 2012.

In the early morning hours of Saturday, December 15th, 2012, the Sheriff's office responded to an alarm at the *"Let It Shine Car Wash"* in Perry Township. There the deputy found that the coin machine had been broken into. As the deputy was investigating the scene a call came in that Madison Township police were in pursuit of a vehicle that had fled the scene at Giant Eagle in Madison, Ohio. Sheriff's deputies, Madison Township police, and North Perry police were able to bring the vehicle to a stop. Two black males bailed from the vehicle prior to its stopping and took off on foot. When the car came to a stop the black female driver attempted to run but was caught and arrested. Despite a search of the area using a canine from Perry Village PD, the males are still currently at large.

Subsequent investigation found that the 3 individuals were at the Madison Giant Eagle attempting to cash in a large amount of coins. When the store called in their suspicions to police, Madison Township police arrived to find the males fleeing in the vehicle, and a pursuit ensued. Upon arrest of the female it was found that the vehicle contained Christmas gifts, criminal tools, store purchases, and a large amount of credit cards.

The investigation has thus found that it appears the three individuals had broken into a numerous vehicles in the Madison area, stealing Christmas gifts and credit cards. They used the credit cards to make large purchases from the Giant Eagle in Painesville Township, purchasing items such as gift cards, movies and CD's. They then drove back east on Rt. 20 where they broke into the coin machine at *"Zappy's Car Wash"*. From there they went to the *"Let It Shine Car Wash"* and broke into the coin machine there. From that point they went to the Giant Eagle in Madison Township in an attempt to cash in their stolen coinage.

A joint investigation continues with the Madison Township police department, and the lake County Sheriff's office, concerning these crimes.

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